

REMARKS

Applicant has amended this application in response to the office action. As understood, it is the examiner's position that vertical adjustment of the Hamilton, et al. patent meets the prior claimed limitations. The claims have been amended to make clear that the adjustment and optimization of the present invention relates to a proposed location of a trailer slider between forward and rearward positions along a trailer. That is, vertical adjustment would not meet these claims.

The examiner rejects the prior claims that say the adjustment portion is a vehicle slider by noting that applicant has admitted sliders are known. The fact that sliders are known is irrelevant. The present invention relates to a method of determining an optimized location for the slider relative to the trailer.

None of the prior art references meet these limitations. The claims are allowable over the prior art. An indication of such is solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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